

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THE HOUSE NOT IN SESSION YET.

Mr. Turpie's Resolution on Trusts Taken Up and that Gentleman Spoke Upon It—Confirmations by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—SENATE.—Mr. Morrill from the finance committee reported back adversely the bill to provide for the organization of national banks with less capital than \$50,000, and it was indefinitely postponed.

Among the bills introduced and referred was one by Mr. Chandler to amend the laws relating to electric franchise.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Turpie as to trusts was taken up and Mr. Turpie proceeded to address the senate upon it.

At the close of Mr. Turpie's speech a bill for celebrating the 40th anniversary of the discovery of America by holding an international exposition in the city of New York was introduced by Mr. Edwards and read the first and second time.

The program for the ceremonies in the house to-morrow in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the first inauguration of George Washington was presented and adopted.

The senate then proceeded to the consideration of the executive business, and at 1.35 adjourned till tomorrow.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the following nominations:

Robert P. Porter, of New York, to be superintendent of the census; Lewis A. Craft, of Nebraska, commissioner general land office; Wm. M. Stone, of Iowa, assistant commissioner general land office; James M. Townsend, Indiana, recorder general land office. The nomination of Green B. Johnson, of Kansas, to be commissioner of pensions, was reported favorably by the committee on pensions.

Mr. Davis as an Author.

New York World.

A fact has just been made public which illustrates in an eminent degree the absolute honesty of the late Jefferson Davis. More than a year ago he prepared for the North American Review an article in reference to Andersonville and the prisoners of the South during the war. It was a reply to the continuous charges made against the Southern people of inhumanity in the treatment of prisoners. Mr. Davis prepared the article with great care and historical research. Thordike Rice, the editor of the North American Review, declined to print the article, on account of certain reflections made against federal officials who were his personal friends—among them General Miles. Mr. Rice endeavored in every way to induce Mr. Davis to either modify his expressions or permit the article to be edited in the North American Review office. This Mr. Davis emphatically objected to, although an effort was made to increase the honorarium. He insisted that the article should be printed just as he had written it or not at all. He said the facts were unimpeachable, and they must stand as part of the history of the civil war. Finally the article was withdrawn from the Review and sold to Belford's Magazine. It will appear in the next number of that periodical.

Nitro-Glycerine Explosion.

BUTLER, Pa., December 10.—A quarter past nine o'clock this morning Butler was shaken up by a nitro-glycerine explosion at the Butler Torpedo Company's magazine, two miles south of town. The explosion occurred when cans were being put into a wagon at the factory. James O. Woods and Wm. Medill and their wagon and team were blown into unrecognizable fragments. The woods in the vicinity of the magazine are being searched by hundreds of men for the remains of the men. The larger part of the factory buildings are demolished. The factory was crushed down and only the smoke stack remains intact. Rafters of the magazine fell down over the glycerine there, but it did not explode. Woods' shoulder and right arm have been found twenty miles away. A small part of Medill's trunk was taken from the top of a tree. The theory is that Woods let a can of the explosive drop when handing it up to Medill, who was in the wagon. A great hole was made in the ground where the wagon stood.

Another Southern Enterprise.

A company has been formed and the formal preparations inaugurated for the establishment of a large factory for the manufacture of furniture in New Orleans. That city is most advantageously situated as far as the cabinet woods are concerned. The bulk of the furniture distributed from New Orleans is made at Cincinnati, at St. Louis and Grand Rapids, Michigan. All the fine woods are imported from the south, where much of the cheaper woods, such as walnut, ash and oak are procured from the Southern States. Large quantities of mahogany pass through that city from Central American countries direct to Northern factories, while walnut logs cut in Arkansas and rafted down to New Orleans have been largely sent northward to the furniture factories. Properly conducted the projected enterprise should yield handsome returns and prove an important factor in the prosperity of the city.

Noble Women's Work.

There is a vast deal of patriotism among the women of the country. The Ladies' Hermitage Association, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., has undertaken to raise a fund for the preservation of Andrew Jackson's grave and homestead. The intention is to make the Hermitage, like Mount Vernon, a Mecca for patriots. Mrs. Nathaniel Baxter, Sr., is the president of the association, and subscriptions may be forwarded to her at Nashville. The Mary Washington Monument Association, of Fredericksburg, Va., is also in the hands of earnest and loyal women, who wish to see the grave of the first President's mother marked by an appropriate monument. Mrs. James Power Smith, of Fredericksburg, Va., is the president.

A Hard-Hearted Villain.

Louisville furnishes a crime that in sheer cruelty goes beyond anything recorded in a long time. Two Arab peddlers slept on straw near the city. One of them had \$140. The other Arab attacked him about 4 o'clock in the morning, and after cutting him until he appeared to be dead, took the \$140, put the bleeding body in a strawstack, and set it on fire. The wounded man was so weak from loss of blood that he was horribly burned before he could drag himself out of the straw. His name is Joseph Meeker Algee. His assailant, Joe Scheller, was arrested.

THE COTTON CROP.

The December Report to the Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The Department of Agriculture has just received the report of the department of agriculture relating to the cotton crop. Correspondents refer incidentally to the progress of harvesting, and the status of the unharvested crop. All reports late maturity in the northern belt. Early frosts arrested the development of bolls and seriously reduced the harvest, in the larger and more Southern areas. While killing frosts were reported in some localities in October, losses were neither severe nor general from that cause. In the most productive portion of the belt, killing frosts are rarely mentioned as occurring until the last week of November. The season may therefore be considered a long one, counterbalancing measurably the late development of the plant. The top crop is just considered fairly abundant, and very general mention is made in lower latitudes of the burden of bolls yet unopened with continuance of weather as good as that of the first week of December.

Weather for picking has been comparatively favorable, and the lint is generally bright and clean, though not everywhere of full length.

Prices are a little better than those of last December. Farm prices average as follows: Virginia, 8.3 cents per pound; North Carolina, 8.5; South Carolina, 8.6; Georgia, 8.6; Florida, (upland), 8.5; Alabama, 8.9; Mississippi, 8.6; Louisiana, 8.7; Texas, 8.4; Arkansas, 8.5; Tennessee, 8.3.

Qualities and prices to markets affect the average slightly on small farms. Cotton is sometimes sold in the seed at relatively lower prices, especially in parts of Florida and Texas.

Says he is Still Emperor.

Richmond State.

Dom Pedro claims that he is still Emperor of Brazil, but at the same time says he will never go back there. He declares also that he will not accept either the list or the donation of money offered him by the provisional government. In this he is consistent, since if he is Emperor the provisional government is an illegal organization, and, therefore, has no right to give away anything. But blood has flowed in Brazil since the Emperor's departure, and has flowed in the South, the ignorant, misguided negro was the cause and the victim of white adventures. In the town of Maranhão certain demagogues went among the blacks and told them Dom Pedro was their friend, had set them free, and that the republican government became permanent they would be re-enslaved. As a result the negroes rose and a bad riot ensued, three thousand of them being wrought up into a condition of frenzy. Before the disturbance was quelled, five men were shot dead and fifteen wounded.

Electricity's Work.

The utilization and distribution of electric power are stated by Mr. F. L. Pope to have reached by far the greatest development in Switzerland and the United States. In the former country electricity is transmitted to considerable distances for large motors. At Solothurn a manufactory of machine screws is driven by an electric motor of fifty horse power, which derives its energy from a turbine wheel more than five miles away on a mountain stream. At Denderlingen a delaine mill of 36,000 spindles is driven by a pair of electric motors of 280 horse power, operated by a turbine wheel twelve miles distant. At Lacruet 120 horse power is similarly carried half a mile, and 250 horse power a quarter of a mile. In the United States no electric motor of more than sixty horse power is known to Mr. Pope, but there are as many as 100 small motors in use, a favorite size being ten horse power. It is predicted that in cities electric motors will soon practically supplant the steam engines of less than fifty horse power.

The Only Survivor.

Of all the conspicuous men with whom Jefferson Davis served in the Thirtieth Congress, Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine, Vice-President from 1861 to 1865, is now the only survivor. In the house and senate of that Congress were not less than fifty men who left deep impressions on the country's history. There were Clay, Cameron, the elder, Webster, Crittenden, Calhoun, Benton, John P. Hale, Cobb, Toombs, Giddings, Lewis D. Campbell, Corwin, Butler, Mason, the elder, and a great company of great men, and they all gone but one, and he has been in retirement for nearly a quarter century. It is a curious fact that of all the most prominent leaders in the civil war—Johnston, Sherman and Rosecrans excepted—Mr. Davis outlived them.

Death of Mrs. Scott Lord.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 10.—Mrs. Scott Lord, sister of the wife of President Harrison, died at her residence in this city this morning. Although not unexpected, her death was sudden, and at the time only her daughters, Mrs. Dimmock and Mrs. Parker and her son-in-law, Lieutenant John P. Parker, of the navy, were with her. Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Lord until mid-night, in company with their father, Dr. Scott, and only half an hour before she expired, Major and Mrs. Richard Parker had been sitting with Mrs. Lord, and when they left she was in an apparently unconscious sleep. She had been in bad health several months.

Looked Like a Postage Stamp.

Baltimore American.

One day a drunken Confederate cavalryman who had never seen Mr. Davis, but was perfectly familiar with the postage stamps, saw his chief in the streets of Richmond. Going up to him, he asked in a silly, drunken manner: "Are you Mr. Davis?" "I am, sir," was the dignified reply. "President of the Southern Confederacy?" "I have that honor, sir."

What Boston's Fire Cost the City.

An interesting computation of the actual cost to the city of Boston in fighting the flames of the recent fire and clearing away the debris is as follows: Fire apparatus destroyed, \$15,000; fire equipments destroyed, \$11,000; funds to the families of the five dead firemen, \$15,000; removal of the debris and walls, \$5,300; refreshments for firemen and police, \$2,000; miscellaneous losses, \$475; total, \$48,775.

Diphtheria Closes Schools.

MARLBORO, Mass., December 10.—All the schools here will be closed to-morrow, and the high school on Friday owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in town. Twenty cases are already reported.

A Singular Coincidence.

Charleston World.

On the night preceding the recent terrible Boston fire, the Boston Herald produced an editorial on the great Lynn, and its causes and effect, reinforced by allusions to the previous great fire of Boston.

On last Saturday morning, the New York Press appeared with a cartoon on its front page entitled "The fire here running amuck," and these words upon a scroll: "Lynn, Boston, Keyport, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh—Next."

Before night a terrible conflagration burst forth in New York in which four lives were lost, many persons injured and an immense amount of property destroyed.

The two occurrences are certainly remarkable, although none but the superstitious would attach any importance to even such startling coincidences.

Supreme Court.

Appeals from the 12th district were disposed of on yesterday as follows: Lenox vs. mining company, from Cherokee; argued by W. Cooper and Edward McCredy, by brief for appellant. Walker vs. Scott, from Cherokee; argued by T. F. Davidson for plaintiff, and E. C. Smith and J. W. Cooper for defendant.

Hilliard vs. Hunsucker, from Clay; alias writ of certiorari allowed and case continued.

State vs. Farmer, from Transylvania; argued by Attorney General for the State.

Opinions were filed in the following cases: State vs. Wilson, from Yancey; no error.

Wiseman vs. Commissioners, from Mitchell; appeal dismissed for failure to prosecute the appeal; same order made in Young vs. Young, and Fisher vs. mining company.

Sun's Cotton Review.

NEW YORK, December 10.—The Sun's cotton review is a little firmer, but almost immediately gave way a few points under sales to realize. Receipts at New Orleans coming in full and Liverpool report not so strong as was expected. Then came the bureau report causing a decline of 4 1/2 points and an unsettled closing. The bureau report is unduly favorable to a large yield, in fact it clearly points to 7,750,000 bales, but favorable aspects are probably exaggerated in rivalry with reports from the signal service controlled by the war department which has, to the advantage of the bulls, greatly overdrawn adverse weather accounts. President Harrison referred in his message to this disagreement and spoke slightly of the signal service. Cotton on the spot was firm but quiet.

Bond Offerings.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—The bond offerings to-day, \$1,470,500, all accepted at 104 1/4 for four and halves, and 127 for four per cents.

Since the inauguration of Secretary Windom's policy of reducing the amount of Government deposits in the National banks on the 2nd inst., \$4,182,000 bonds have been surrendered by the banks.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. G. F. Bason, a well known lawyer of Charlotte, is stopping at the Battery Park.

Mr. J. W. Adderton, of the firm of Adderton & Atkinson, of Richmond, is now at the Battery Park.

Gen. E. R. Hampton passed through town last night on his way to a meeting of the board of directors of the State insane asylum at Morganton.

Mr. S. T. Pearson, of Morganton, who attended the supper of the directors of the First National bank last evening, is stopping at the Swannanoa.

Mrs. Arthur Litchford, of Rochester, N. Y., together with her daughter, Miss Alma Litchford, has registered at the Battery Park and intends to remain in Asheville all winter.

Ex-Judge J. C. L. Gudger was in the city yesterday, as bright and vigorous as a man who has eight years more material for judicial or any other able public service in him might look.

Mr. G. North and wife, of New York, and Mr. C. P. Russell, of the same place, are at the Battery Park. Mr. Russell has been recommended to come to Asheville as the place where he can the sooner regain his health.

Mr. F. D. Hatfield, who is a correspondent of the Troy Times, is stopping at the Battery Park. In a late issue of that paper is a very enthusiastic description of Asheville, which he wrote under the heading of "Arcadia Found."

Captain McFee leaves for Charleston in a special car this morning at nine o'clock. He is accompanied by Col. J. B. Steele, the manager of Battery Park, who will revisit the former scene of his business enterprises for the first time in five years.

Royal Arcanum Meeting.

The annual meeting of the French Broad council of the Royal Arcanum, No. 701 took place the other night and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Regent, Dr. D. T. Millard; vice regent, Dr. M. H. Fletcher; orator, T. W. Patton; post regent, W. T. Pennington; secretary, S. Lipinsky; vice secretary, E. I. Holmes; treasurer, S. Hammett; chaplain, J. S. West; guide, T. L. Hyndman; warden, W. H. Cook; sentinel, F. R. Woody; organist, Geo. Henderson.

Public Schools to Close.

By order of the committee the public schools of the city will close to-day at 11.15 o'clock so that the children whose parents so desire, may have an opportunity to attend the services to be held in the Central Methodist church in memory of the late Mr. Davis.

P. P. CLAXTON, Supt.

Masonic Notice.

A special communication of Asheville Lodge, 410, A. F. and A. M., will be held Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock sharp. Work in third. Brethren cordially invited.

J. A. CONANT, Secretary.

RAILROAD MASS MEETING.

EVERY PORTION OF THE COUNTY REPRESENTED.

Resolutions Passed Requesting the County Commissioners to Submit to the Voters the Question of Railroad Subscriptions.

It is a curious fact that it has been urged to the prejudice of the proposed railroad appropriation, that it tends most directly to the improvement of Asheville, and is of comparatively slight importance to the country townships; and yet in the crowd of good, earnest and thoughtful men assembled in the park house at noon yesterday, a sparse sprinkling of Asheville faces appeared.

Good men from Avery's Creek, Fairview, Leicester, Sandy Mush, Flat Creek, in short, from every one of the country townships were present and indicated plainly the intense interest they felt. These gentlemen were certainly right, whether they represent the majority of the voters of their respective neighborhoods or not. We repeat, they are right now, and this fact will be proven in the not distant future. We believe that a proposition submitted fairly, and fully discussed, and plainly stated in a common sense manner, such as reaches the reason of our common sense men and commands itself to their judgment, will receive a large vote in each one of the townships outside of Asheville.

We hope that such a proposition will also be supported by the popular vote of Asheville, but we confess, the indifference manifested by Asheville people, and their carelessness yesterday in attending the mass meeting, to which men had come from every corner of the county, and even from other States, tends to discourage us. We try to find excuse for it, but with limited success; can it be, that citizens of the most go-ahead town of the South are blind to their own interest? Surely not, but they too, like all sensible men, only wait to have the plans proposed fully matured, and when convinced that this has been done, they will, to a man, speak out their minds in favor of securing additional railroads. Their non-attendance does not argue indifference, but only a determination, which is commendable in all men to, "look before they leap."

The country people are not, by any means, indifferent. They turned out in goodly numbers, and selected their own chairman, Capt. W. E. Weaver, of Flat Creek, who, on taking this position both honorable and well deserved, expressed his opinion in no uncertain words, that this was the golden opportunity for Buncombe to accept, if she were wise.

The representatives of the press were appointed secretaries; and the speaking was well begun by Captain Atkinson, who, besides stating plain facts, and on these basing most logical arguments, submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the commissioners of this county are hereby requested at their next meeting, either called or regular, to submit to the voters of this county the following proposition, to be determined at the ballot-box on a day to be designated by said board, to subscribe \$200,000 to the Atlanta, Asheville and Baltimore Railroad Company, payable in county bonds, running thirty years, with six per cent. interest, provided said company shall commence in good faith to build said road within ninety days from the vote on said proposition; and if the said A. & B. R. R. Company shall not in good faith commence said work of construction, then the commissioners in the submission of this proposition may name any other road or roads to which the subscription of this sum shall be given.

And further, the said commissioners are requested to submit in the same way a subscription of a like amount to the Camden, Chester and Gaffney City and Polk County Railroad Company, on the condition that the authorities of said road shall satisfy said commissioners that they will, within a reasonable time, commence the construction of their road in this county.

If the said Camden, Chester and Gaffney City and Polk County Railroad Company shall not within such time as the said commissioners may determine, avail themselves of the terms and times designated, then, and in that event, the commissioners may subscribe to any other company the sum of \$100,000 to the Asheville and the Tennessee Railroad Company, to the Carolina, Knoxville and Western Railroad, or any other company that may build a railroad through the townships of Leicester and Sandy Mush, this county, and a like sum of \$100,000 to the Carolina Central or any other company that may be found to build a railroad from the City of Asheville through the townships of Fairview.

Resolved, That in the event that no railroad is built through the townships of Leicester and Sandy Mush, then said townships shall be entitled to \$100,000 to be applied to the building of macadamized roads or such other roads as they may determine best for them—and the same shall be the case in regard to the township of Fairview. It is further requested of said commissioners that the proposition shall be submitted in such a way that no railroad company shall claim any subscription to their stock or have any of their bonds delivered to them until an engineer appointed by the county authorities has certified to the board of commissioners that the said road or roads have been built, and are running on regular schedule, both freight and passenger, through the county, or from Asheville to the county line if it be given to a road that extends from the city to the county limit.

Capt. Atkinson was followed by Mr. Farrow, of South Carolina, and he in turn by Rev. C. D. Smith, who all know to be the best qualified man in Western North Carolina to speak of the resources of this mountain section. He made a most interesting talk, and was followed by Mr. B. G. Gudger and Mr. Lon Wells, of Leicester.

The venerable Mr. Jacob Sams displayed the fire of youth in his support of the proposition. Mr. John Gregg Chambers expressed himself with his characteristic caution. Mr. Ashworth, of Fairview followed in same strain, and Mr. Reeves, of Sandy Mush, supported eloquently the views of his brothers from Leicester, and the following resolutions by T. W. Patton were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting understands the resolutions as presented to request the county commissioners to submit a question that \$100,000 be voted for establishing either railroads or macadamized roads in each of the four corners of the county. Railroads, as proposed, being preferred, but in case these cannot be obtained within reasonable time, then the same amount of money to be applied to each section in such other way as the commissioners may deem best for such section.

Resolved, That the chairman be requested to appoint a committee of four men from each township to consult with the voters of the townships, and to meet at Asheville on the 28th day of December, 1889, and formulate such proposition as they commend, or as they think will meet the general approval of the electors in case an election is ordered.

On motion of Capt. Atkinson, an executive committee of five were appointed who should take charge of the whole matter with authority to appoint sub-committees as proposed in the above resolution. On this committee the chairman Messrs. N. Atkinson, B. G. Gudger, G. F. Powell, Dr. J. A. Reagen and W. T. Reynolds, and the mass meeting adjourned.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

Let All Who Read This Meet at the Court House This Morning.

All Confederates who are within reach of Asheville, must remember that never again will an opportunity be given them to do honor to their President. The following appeal of Col. Ray, is addressed to every man who ever bore arms in the lost cause; it is not confined to those alone who are residents here, but including every one who may be hereon a visit; not alone those who are members of the Veteran Association but one and all. Let every one respond with earnest fervor and punctually attend what may be the last Confederate roll call:

Fellow Comrades of the Confederate Veterans' Association:

Our beloved chieftain—the ex-President of the great lost cause—Jefferson Davis, is dead. We honor and obey him when in power; our hearts went out to him in love and sympathy when broken, crushed and maligned; and now, with bowed heads and sorrowful hearts we mourn his death.

His spirit has already joined in a glad "reunion" with the spirits of our fellow soldiers that have gone before—from battlefields, hospitals and sick chambers. All that was mortal of him lies in state in the council chamber of the City hall, New Orleans, and from thence will be carried to its last resting place, on Wednesday, the 11th instant.

It is fitting that we should meet and give some outward expression of our deep sorrow. I therefore ask that you all come to the court house promptly at 11.30 a. m. on Wednesday, to join in suitable services. I need not urge this request. There is that in the heart of every true Southerner that will prompt him to gladly do reverence to his memory, in the last rites of him whom all civilized nations will yet acknowledge as a heroic, great and grand character.

Yours in the bonds of a great bereavement,

JAMES M. RAY,
Vice President C. V. Association.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Add telephone list D. C. Waddell, 93, residence.

The city graded schools will be closed this morning at 11.15 o'clock as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Davis.

The Mendelssohn Quintette Club, of Boston, will be here between the 4th and 6th of January and will give one of their celebrated concerts.

The Free Kindergarten and Aid Society of Asheville will hold their next meeting in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday afternoon at 3.30 p. m.

The directors of the First National Bank sat down yesterday afternoon at five o'clock to a good dinner, which was served in the private dining room of the Swannanoa.

The coal famine, for the present at least, seems to be over. Mr. H. T. Collins, of the Asheville Coal Company, informs us that they have a plentiful supply of all kinds of coal on hand and can supply all demands.

An Asheville letter in the New York Tribune of last Sunday outlines Mr. George Vanderbilt's plan for raising good beef for market, and of vigorously farming his acres. This letter points out the advantages of Asheville as a most beneficial resort for pulmonary invalids.

It will be noticed by reference to our advertising columns, that Messrs. Jenks & Jenks, the real estate and insurance brokers, have secured the agency for this State of the well known Morris and Ireland safe, manufactured by the Detroit Safe Company. Samples of these safes will be constantly on exhibition at the offices of the firm on Patton avenue.

In our local columns yesterday it was stated that a team belonging to Mr. Stickleather became unmanageable on Haywood street, and one of the horses kicked so violently that he fell down, and we learn that a horse on that street was frightened by the apparition of a carpet shaken violently in the process of dusting—enough to shake a wooden horse off its propriety. But it was not Mr. Stickleather's horse. His teams are so well trained that it would take an earthquake to shake their nerves, and they see all sorts of sights with philosophic coolness, and hear the most uncouth sounds with careless gravity. No one need fear that our well trained horses will cut up unseemly shins.

A family in this city were the victims of a practical joke the other night. The water families had rented a house for the winter and had just moved into it. What was his surprise the other morning when he looked out of his window and saw a large sign conspicuously posted on his premises, bearing the familiar legend: "House for Sale. Inquire of—." In great consternation, he summoned the other members of his household to gaze at the sign, and a council of war was held. The result was that he posted off to the agent in hot haste to inquire what he meant by treating him in this way, when he had already leased him the house for the season. He went home a sadder and wiser man. Some rogue had merely removed the sign from an adjoining lot and transferred it to his.

A Proclamation.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the meeting of citizens Friday night last, I hereby request the citizens of Asheville to close their respective places of business on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the hour designated for the funeral obsequies of the late Jefferson Davis, and repair to the Central Methodist church for worship, and unite with the people of this Southland in paying the last and tribute of respect to this grand character whose lifework was given his people, and whose virtues are to remain, and should be cherished, as the greatest heritage of his countrymen.

C. D. BLANTON,
Mayor of Asheville.

Monday, Dec. 9th.

A Demerit Contest.

On Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall will be given an elocutionary contest by the children. Excellent music will be rendered by Asheville's best musicians. The public are invited to attend. No admission fee. Exercises beginning at 8 o'clock.

THE FUNERAL.

THE PROCESSION TO MOVE AT 12 M. SHARP.

The Most Impressive Obsequies Ever Known in the South—Franklin Men from all Portions of the Country to be Present.

NEW ORLEANS, December 10.—Thousands of people continued to pour through the city hall during this morning, embracing, besides the common multitude, numerous organizations, schools and societies. Many distinguished gentlemen from the South and leading cities of the section were also among the visitors. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi, ex-Governor Lubbock, of Texas, and Gen. P. M. B. Young, cavalry leader in the Confederacy, paid their respects to the remains.

The funeral will be the largest demonstration ever seen in the South. Every benevolent organization in the city, the military, schools, athletic clubs, commercial bodies, shipmasters, the fire department and the clergy will be largely represented.

The route will be about four miles long. The procession will move sharply at 12 o'clock, and will go up town past the Lee Circle, in order that the column may be properly displayed. The funeral procession will be conducted on the front of the city hall by Bishops Gallaher, of Louisiana, and Wilmer, of Alabama, and five officiating clergymen of the various denominations: Father Hubert, of the Jesuits, Rev. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Davis' rector at Biloxi, Rev. Dr. Markham, of Lafayette Presbyterian church, and Rev. Messrs. Bakewell and Martin, of the Episcopal diocese of New Orleans. There will be ten surpliced clergymen from the Episcopal church, and other denominations assisting. A surpliced choir of thirty-six, accompanied by an organ, will sing the anthem, "Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death." At the grave the ceremonies will be conducted by Bishops Gallaher and Hugh Miller Thompson, of Mississippi. Minute guns will be fired at the head of Canal street and at Claiborne and Canal all day, and at the grave there will be proper guns and bugle calls as becomes a military funeral.

Existing military organizations will come from Mississippi, Alabama, Texas and the country parishes of Louisiana. Floral tributes from different sections of the South were received to-day, and the mortuary chamber is filled to overflowing with beautiful assignments. A caisson prepared and will be suitably draped. It is loaned by the State, and the route has been so arranged that the car will have a smooth passage along the streets. The religious ceremonies are to be very brief, and will not occupy more than a few minutes at the hall. Three divisions will march out to the cemetery; the remainder will take the funeral cars at Claiborne street.

Governor Buckner, of Kentucky, is among the arrivals this morning.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Safest not to Have Riding Habits of too Stout Material.

A young engaged couple, who are stopping at one of our best hotels here, met with a slight accident the other day. They did not care to have their names known and so a bare statement of facts concerning the nature of the accident will have to suffice. It was on Monday morning when they sallied forth on horseback. The weather was pleasant and everything betokened an enjoyable trip. They rode through the city and then turned into the Beaver Dam road. After having gone several miles they came to a little cabin by the wayside. Their ride had made them thirsty and so the young man dismounted to get a drink of water for his companion. As he opened the gate a dog rushed out and barked furiously at him. This caused the young lady's horse to shy and, as she was taken wholly by surprise, she was unseated and hauled violently from her saddle. Unluckily the skirt of her riding habit was caught in some way and she was dragged some distance by the horse before it tore and released her. She was thrown under the horses feet and received a violent kick on the arm, which has left a bad bruise there but fortunately did not break it. The lady fainted and was taken into the house, where she was well taken care of by the inmates, while the gentleman mounted his horse and galloped frantically to the city in search of a doctor. His efforts were rewarded with success and he returned with a doctor and a carriage. Upon his arrival, it was found that the lady had not recovered from her faint. She was lifted into the carriage, after all remedies had been found useless, and taken to the hotel where she laid in a comatose condition for the remainder of that day. On Tuesday morning she managed to get up for a short while, and is now improving rapidly, and will be none the worse for her accident, except a bad bruise on her left arm and the shock to her nervous system, which might have proved very serious, since she has something the matter with her heart.

Signor Bosco.

The second night of Signor Bosco's performance was opened with a large and enthusiastic audience. The entertainment consisted of the usual optical illusions and tricks. After the show was over the prizes were given to the lucky holders of the right numbers. The big fish of the evening were caught by the Hon. Kope Elias, who drew a castor; Mr. Gibbs, who carried off a cake basket; General Clingman, who walked away with a rocking chair; and Mr. Cliff, who was naturally on time, as he received a gold watch.

Caught at It.

We are informed that a young man, a mere lad in fact, some time since sold in one of our warehouses a lot of tobacco to his own, when in truth it belonged to another party. He was paid for it, and we suppose the warehouse was the loser. Yesterday he tried to repeat the game, and was caught at it. At last accounts he was in custody of the sheriff. We are informed that he is from Madison.